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Arts this year, his subject being 'Means of Defence in the Struggle for Life among Animals.'

A MEMORIAL tablet to the late Hamilton Y. Castner, the chemist, was unveiled on December 16 at Columbia University, of which he was an alumnus.

MISS LOUISE BRISBIN DUNN, tutor in botany in Barnard College, Columbia University, died suddenly of heart disease early in the morning of December 18. She was a graduate of Barnard and since her graduation has been a member of the teaching staff.

WE regret also to record the deaths of Professor Ladislava Celakovského, professor of botany in the Bohemian University at Prague, at sixty-nine years of age; of Dr. George Thoms, professor of agricultural chemistry at the Polytechnic School at Riga, at the age of sixty years; of Dr. Ernst Meynert, associate professor of anatomy at the University of Halle, at the age of thirty-nine years; and of Dr. M. Wilde, docent in hygiene at the University at Munich, at the age of thirty-two years.

THE Archeological Institute of America will meet at Princeton on December 31 and January 1 and 2.

A CIVIL service examination will be held on January 27 for the position of chemical clerk in the food laboratory of the Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture. The salary is \$600, and the position is open to either men or women.

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#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

At the convocation exercises of the University of Chicago it was announced that Mr. John D. Rockefeller had given \$1,000,000 to be added to the endowment, and that other sums amounting to \$526,000 had been given to the university.

THE Medical Department of Tulane University has been made the residuary legatee of the late A. C. Hutchinson, and it is expected that it will receive from the estate about \$1,000,000.

MRS. MARY M. ADAMS, widow of the late Charles Kendall Adams, the president of the University of Wisconsin, has left the University a large part of her estate. This will be added to the fellowship fund, created by the will of President Adams. The bequest includes the library of President Adams.

THE University of Rochester has received a gift of \$10,000 from Mrs. Esther Baker Steele.

SENN HALL, of the Rush Medical College, was dedicated on December 17, the principal address being made by Sir William Hingston, professor of surgery in Laval University, Montreal. The building has been erected at a cost of \$130,000 towards which Dr. Senn gave \$30,000.

THE corner stone of the gymnasium of Stanford University, which the daily papers state will cost \$500,000, was laid on December 11.

THE erection of the Scott Hall of Natural Science of Wesleyan University will be begun in the spring. The building is 120 x 50 ft., with an extension 49 x 28 ft.

WE are requested to call attention again to the dinner to be given to the Association of American Universities in New York City on December 30, tickets for which can be obtained by the alumni of the universities represented in the association on application to Professor B. D. Woodward, Columbia University, New York City. President Butler, of Columbia, will preside, and speeches will be made by President Eliot, of Harvard; President Hadley, of Yale; Mr. James W. Alexander and the Honorable Wayne MacVeagh.

AN appeal has been made by New York University to the Court of Appeals from the decision of the Appellate Division which awarded to the Medical College Laboratory of the City of New York the premises which were deeded over to the university in 1897 by the Medical College Laboratory of the City of New York under a plan to combine the university and the laboratory.

DR. OBERHUMMER, professor of geography at Munich, has been called to Vienna.